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1. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT REGARDING JUSTIFICATION FOR ONE  
PERCENT GROWTH RATE FOR WOOL:

-- THE U.S. WOOL TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN DECLINING  
FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, MEASURED IN  
TERMS OF MILL CONSUMPTION OF FIBERS, HAS DECLINED TO 154  
MILLION POUNDS IN THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1975 FROM 330  
MILLION POUNDS IN 1968, OR BY MORE THAN 53 PERCENT.  
PRODUCTION OF WOOL BROADWOVEN FABRICS DURING THIS SAME  
PERIOD HAS DROPPED FROM 243 MILLION LINEAR YARDS TO 81  
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MILLION LINEAR YARDS. THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD PRODUCTION  
INDEX FOR WOOL FABRICS HAS DECLINED FROM 107.2 (1967 100)  
IN 1968 TO 55.0 IN 1974. EMPLOYMENT IN WOOL BROADWOVEN  
WEAVING AND FINISHING MILLS DECLINED TO UNDER 21,000 IN

MAY 1975, A 19 PERCENT DROP FROM A YEAR EARLIER.

-- THE TOTAL DOMESTIC MARKET FOR WOOL PRODUCTS, MEASURED IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION PLUS IMPORTS MINUS EXPORTS OF WOOL PRODUCTS, HAS DECLIN FROM 430 MILLION POUNDS IN 1968 TO 178 MILLION POUNDS IN THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1975. IN THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1975, THE RATIO OF IMPORTS TO THE DOMESTIC MARKET WAS 26.0 PERCENT.

-- THE U.S. HAS NEGOTIATED 9 BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO DATE, INCORPORATING THE ONE PERCENT GROWTH RATE FOR WOOL.

2. IT IS USG'S VIEW THAT DISTRESSED WOOL INDUSTRY SITUATION IN US JUSTIFIES THE ONE PERCENT GROWTH FACTOR WITH REFERENCE TO ANNEX B PARA 2. KISSINGER

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